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DTSC Settles Two Hazardous Waste Violation Cases

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that it has reached settlements with Granite Construction Company and All Chemical Disposal, Inc. for hazardous waste violations.

On September 2, 2003, DTSC signed a settlement with Granite Construction Company for a hazardous waste violation noted during an investigation of records from the company's facility located at 30909 South Tracy Boulevard in Tracy that began in November 2002. Under terms of the settlement, Granite Construction admitted the violation and has paid DTSC a total penalty of \$4,000. The violation was for transferring burn dump ash, debris, and soil from its Tracy facility to a Class II landfill in Stockton in June 2002 without properly characterizing the waste as hazardous or non-hazardous.

On September 16, 2003, DTSC signed a settlement with All Chemical Disposal, Inc. for hazardous waste violations at the company's facility located at 21 Great Oaks Boulevard in San Jose. During inspection of the San Jose facility in December 2002, DTSC inspectors noted that the company was storing hazardous waste in excess of the authorized time period and improperly recording information on a hazardous waste manifest. Under terms of the settlement, All Chemical Disposal, Inc. must pay DTSC a total of \$4,640, of which \$1,293 is a penalty and \$3,347 is reimbursement for costs incurred by DTSC.

Although both companies have corrected the violations listed above, DTSC is not limited from taking any appropriate enforcement actions by Granite Construction or All Chemical Disposal, Inc. at these facilities.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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